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PROCEEDINGS
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THE ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY.

1846-47.

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November 9th, 1846.

REV. HUMPHREY LLOYD, D. D., President, in the
Chair.

The following Address, which was presented to the Lord Lieutenant on the 2nd September last, together with His Excellency's Answer, was ordered to be entered on the Minutes :

“ To His Excellency the Right Honourable John William Earl of Bessborough, Lord Lieutenant General and General Governor of Ireland, &c.

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

“ We, the President and Members of the Royal Irish Academy, beg leave to offer to your Excellency our respectful congratulations on your acceptance of the high office of Representative of our Most Gracious Sovereign in this country.

“ In virtue of the Charter under which we have been incorporated by our Royal Founder, for the Promotion of Science, Polite Literature, and Antiquities, the duties of Visitor of this Academy have devolved upon your Excellency, as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

“ We cannot but rejoice that we are thus placed, in the present instance, in official dependence upon one who is both

a native and a resident of this country, and to whose sympathies a Society such as our's, founded for the advancement of knowledge in Ireland, may confidently appeal.

“Composed, as our body is, of men conscientiously differing upon questions of the first importance, and united by the sole bond of kindred intellectual pursuits, we have had the satisfaction to know that, while the immediate objects of our incorporation have been successfully forwarded, the advance has been hallowed by those feelings of mutual good-will which are not less valuable than knowledge itself.

“That such feelings may take root and spread in this country, under your Excellency's Government, is our earnest hope and prayer.”

ANSWER.

“MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN,

“It is most gratifying to me to receive your congratulations on my acceptance of the high office to which Her Majesty has been pleased to appoint me; and I learn with great pleasure that, by virtue of the Charter under which you were incorporated, I am associated with your distinguished body as Visitor of the Royal Irish Academy.

“As a resident of Ireland I feel peculiar interest in a Society founded more particularly for the advancement of Science in this country; and it is most satisfactory to me to receive an Address from persons who, differing on questions of great importance, have done me the honour of concurring in their approval of my appointment.”

Sir W. R. Hamilton having taken the Chair *pro tempore*, the President described a new instrument for observing the Magnetic Dip.

This instrument is similar to one furnished to the late Arctic Expedition under Sir John Franklin, and which was constructed by Mr. Barrow under the direction of Dr. Lloyd.